

Behold that splendour: hear the shout

William Knapp

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Be - hold that splen - dour, splen - dour! hear the shout! Heav'n o - pens;
Why does the King, the King ap - proach our land? Comes he with
See Heav'n's great heir, great heir, a wo - man's son! Be - hold; a
Come, migh - ty, migh - ty King, the grace en - hance, A sta - ble

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an - gels, an - gels, an - gels is - sue out And throng the ne - ther sky.
thun - der, thun - der, thun - der in his hand, The me - rit of our crimes?
man - ger, man - ger, man - ger is his throne! Nay: see him born to die.
was thy pa - lace, was thy pa - lace once; Dwell in these hearts of ours:

Notes: The alto part is printed in the alto clef in the source. Only the first verse of the text is underlaid in the music: the text of verses 2-4 is printed after the music, but the word-fitting in this edition is editorial. The text is one of three carols attributed in *New Church Melody* to 'a Gentleman unknown', who sent the texts to Knapp and requested that he set them to music. The sharps on the second F in the alto part in bar 14 and the second F in the tenor part in bar 24 are editorial: these notes have no accidentals in the source.

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12 [Alto] Solo

What so - lemn ti - - - dings do they bring?
Shep - herds, be glad: he comes with peace,
Yours is the guilt, but his the pain:
Teach us to praise the Fa - ther's love,

16 Chorus

Rapt at th'ap - proach of Is - rael's King, They speak the
Not wrath; but u - - - ni - ver - sal grace, To bless ev'n
His are the sor - - - rows, yours the gain: Then let sing his
Till blest, trans - por - - - ted, fired a - bove, We sing with

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Mon - arch nigh, they speak the Mon - arch nigh.
dis - distant climes, to bless ev'n dis - distant climes.
praise - be high, then let his praise - be high.
nob - ler pow'rs, we sing with nob - ler pow'rs. pow'rs.